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*County Mayor - Lincoln County, Tennessee*

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Mr. Paul E. Davis, Director  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
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TN Division Of Water  
Pollution Control

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are presently studying the possibilities of providing a wastewater collection system to serve the southern part of Lincoln County, Tennessee. The area involved is adjacent to Madison County, Alabama, and has no collection system at this time.

The difficulty of planning a treatment facility to receive the collected wastewater has been an obstacle for us to this point. There is, however, a treatment plant located just north of Hazel Green in Alabama that is just 2.6 miles south of the Alabama-Tennessee State Line. This plant is owned and operated by a private utility. Our understanding is that this plant has considerable excess capacity, and would be willing to accept and treat wastewater from Lincoln County at an appropriate agreed cost.

We want to be certain that there would be no legal or regulatory barrier that would prevent moving our wastewater across the state line as proposed. It would be appreciated if you could provide comments on this question, and if possible, to refer me to the regulations that might apply. In order to cover the situation from both sides, I have made a similar request to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

We would be interested in having access to treatment on a permanent basis. This may be especially important in this case, since the ownership of the treatment plant is private. Should the private utility fail to operate (regardless of the cause) we would want to have assurance that we could count on the facility for the indefinite future. That being the case, would you provide the provisions within your state that would ensure continuing operation?

Thank you for considering these questions and it is hoped that we will be able to complete an arrangement that will be supportive of both the Alabama plant facility and the proposed Tennessee collection system.

Sincerely,

  
Peggy G. Bevels  
Lincoln County Mayor

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Cc: Grady Reavis